

## **IC 31-34-7**

### **Chapter 7. Information About Children in Need of Services, Investigation, and Preliminary Inquiry**

#### **IC 31-34-7-1**

##### **Preliminary inquiry**

Sec. 1. A person may give an intake officer written information indicating that a child is a child in need of services. If the intake officer has reason to believe that the child is a child in need of services, the intake officer shall make a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the interests of the child require further action. Whenever practicable, the preliminary inquiry should include information on the child's background, current status, and school performance.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.*

#### **IC 31-34-7-2**

##### **Provision of preliminary inquiry and recommendation to prosecuting attorney or attorney for county office of family and children**

Sec. 2. The intake officer shall send to the prosecuting attorney or the attorney for the county office of family and children a copy of the preliminary inquiry. The intake officer shall recommend whether to:

- (1) file a petition;
- (2) informally adjust the case;
- (3) refer the child to another agency; or
- (4) dismiss the case.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.*

#### **IC 31-34-7-3**

##### **Decision whether to request authorization to file petition**

Sec. 3. The person representing the interests of the state and receiving the preliminary inquiry and recommendations shall decide whether to request authorization to file a petition. This decision is final only as to the office of the person making the decision.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.*

#### **IC 31-34-7-4**

##### **Access by accused to report**

Sec. 4. A person who is accused of committing child abuse or neglect is entitled under IC 31-33-18-2(14) to access to a report relevant to an alleged accusation.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.17.*